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TO: Chief of Station, ☐ ☐

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SUBJECT: GENERAL: Operational
SPECIFIC: Israeli IS in Switzerland

1. Paragraphs 2 through 4 below contain information which was reported to the Italian CI service by Edmond CROSS in Rome on 25 October 1951. This information is forwarded for your information only and is not to be passed outside of this Agency.

2. During the summer of 1951 the IIS was in a state of confusion. The only representatives who survived the summer were those under diplomatic cover behind the Iron Curtain. The IIS had been reorganized under the directorship of Reuben SHILOAN and now has three separate branches: political, military, and CI. The political branch is contained in the Foreign Ministry, the military in the War Ministry, and the CI branch is scattered throughout various government offices.

3. The new IIS pattern is based on parallel diplomatic and deep cover operations. Chief agents will usually be under diplomatic cover. If representatives of more than one of the three branches are present in the same location, one representative will be designated the coordinator but will not have the right to pry into the details of the others' operations. The hope is that the people under diplomatic cover will attract all the attention of the opposition while deep cover operations are being set up. CROSS is skeptical regarding the practicability of setting up the latter.

4. The current IIS representatives in Switzerland are (fsm) RABINOVICH and (fsm) SHAFER. Arthur BEN HATAN, who is now in Switzerland, and SHILOAN are not on friendly terms. BEN HATAN does not have intelligence duties, but he is gathering around himself the following people, all former IIS personnel: (fsm) SHILOAN (formerly BEN HATAN's secretary), Sami ROSENTHAL, Jack PAPA, (fsm) MANTELLA, and (fsm) AVNI, who is not identical with DAN AVNI. The IIS political representative in Rome. There is evidence that BEN HATAN plans to return to Tel Aviv in the near future. (info 2-5-52)

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